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## JAPAN'S TERMS.

### THE PRICE OF THE TSIAN CLASH.

### BRITONS IN NORTH.

Danger of Personal Attacks Gradually Receding.

### THE SOUTHERNERS' BLOODLESS VICTORIES.

Japan's "terms" for settlement of the Tsian clash with the Chinese have been officially announced. Briefly, they are:—an apology by Chiang Kai-shek, punishment of culprits, suspension of hostile activities within zones which include Tsian, Tientsin, and the whole length of the Shantung Railway, and appointment by Chiang Kai-shek of an accredited negotiator.

Meanwhile, the Japanese Expeditionary Forces will liberate the Southern soldiers who were captured; but their weapons will be retained until a settlement is arrived at.

Danger to Britons and other foreigners at Tientsin and other parts of North China seems to be decreasing as it has become more apparent that there will be no clash because the Southerners prefer a bloodless entry, although having to wait instead of following up the Northerners.

### CHIANG TO APOLOGISE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Japanese War Office has instructed General Fukuda, the commander of the Japanese forces at Tsian, to demand the following terms from the Chinese:—

1.—A formal apology from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist armies, in connection with the Tsian incident.

2.—Punishment of General Ho Yao-tsui and other primarily responsible for the outrage.

[Note: General Ho has already been dismissed by the National Council of Government at Nanking. He commanded one of the three army groups which form the super-army group under Chiang Kai-shek and is referred to in an account by an eyewitness elsewhere on this page.]

3.—Suspension of hostilities, propaganda against Japan and warlike activities within 20 Chinese miles of Tsian, Tientsin and the Shantung Railway.

[Note: By a "Chinese mile" is probably meant the "li," 20 of which are equal to 6 miles, the usual distance stipulated in "neutral" zones in China's civil war.]

4.—The Chinese negotiator must produce credentials from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

General Fukuda has also been instructed by the War Office to release the Chinese he has made prisoner, but to detain the arms taken from them, until a satisfactory settlement is reached.—Reuter.

Prepared With Care.

An earlier cable on the subject reads as follows:—

The Japanese Government is at present intently studying the Tsian incident for the purpose of drafting demands on the Nationalists both for reparations and punishment of the guilty troops and guarantees for the future for the safety of life and property.

The Foreign Office has stated that a memorandum to the League of Nations is being considered, although its nature and the time of its presentation have not been decided. It is understood the Government's agents are at present gathering evidence at Tsian for the purpose of refuting the alleged Chinese statements with regard to the cause of the incident.—Reuter.

### THE RETREAT.

Tientsin Not Taken Yet: Less Anxiety.

Owing to the severance of cable communication, news from the North about the civil war is very scarce. It is understood by the best informed sources, however, that Tientsin has not been entered by the Nationalist allies yet.

The Shansi forces of General Yen Hsi-shan are moving up slowly from Tientsin. An impression gained is that they are marking time, waiting for the Northern evacuation to become an accomplished fact.

Cavalry Call a Halt.

The Kuominchun advance column (including Mongolian cavalry) has returned to Tientsin.

## YANGTSE WAR.

### Upper River Attack on Yang Sen.

### ACTIVITY OF TROOPS.

### Possible Adverse Effects Of Hostilities.

That the political rivals of General Yang Sen on the Upper Yangtse River are in earnest in their expedition against him is indicated in the latest British Naval Wireless despatch to hand.

Considerable troop movements have been reported at Chungking and Wanhsien. Chungking is 1,400 miles up the river and Wanhsien is about 330 miles below Chungking. Generals Liu Hsiang and Ko Yutung, who are in power in Szechuan province, fitted out a force which required sixty junks to carry. General Yang Sen's territory is around Ichang, which is about 130 miles below Wanhsien.

**Nationalist Protests?**

The political disposition of both sides is vague but, at different times, each has claimed to be a Nationalist.

Hostilities may have the effect of interrupting British Upper River shipping. A week or two ago, boycott agitation was stopped by General Yang Sen and, only on Monday, the guards on a Yangtze Rapids steamer inflicted casualties on bandits near Ichang.

### CRUISERS LEAVE.

### JAPANESE CADETS GO SOUTH.

### THREE DAYS IN HONG KONG.

After staying three days in Hong Kong, the Japanese training squadron (with a large number of cadets on board) left for Manila this morning.

The squadron comprises the two ex-Russian cruisers, "Idzumo" (flagship) and "Yakumo" and is commanded by Vice-Admiral Seizo Kobayashi. Prince Takamatsu is a Lieutenant in the squadron.

Some of the officers were at tea with Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., in the Royal Naval Dockyard yesterday.

Local Japanese residents were entertained at tea on board the ship.

The Vice-Admiral gave a dinner on the flagship last night at which were present H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Soutern, C.M.G.), H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), Commodore J. L. Pearson, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary) and Sir Henry Gollan, K.B.E. (Chief Justice).

### HIS NEW HOME.

### CAROL GOING TO THE ARDENNES.

Brussels, Yesterday. Carol's host, M. Jonescu, has found the ex-Crown-Prince a home in the Ardennes.—Reuter.

### A BAD START.

### FLYING PASSENGER KILLED AT TASHKENT.

Osaka, Yesterday. Mr. Mitsuji, the Finance Minister, speaking before the Economic Association in Osaka, explained the Government action in Shantung and said that as soon as the safety of Japanese nationals had been assured the Government would promptly withdraw the troops. He declared that this had been the fixed policy of the Government which the military authorities quite understand.—Reuter.

### Estimate of Lives Lost.

Tsingtao, Yesterday. Consul-General Fujita, who has arrived at Tsingtao from Tsian, states that 1,040 corpses of Chinese soldiers have been buried by Japanese since May 3 and it is believed that at least 1,000 more have been disposed of by Chinese, while the Japanese military casualties total 236.—Reuter.

### More Troops At Tsian.

Tsingtao, Yesterday. A detachment of three companies of Japanese infantry which was sent to Tsian last month from Tientsin, has arrived at Tsingtao and immediately board

## IN HONG KONG.

### What Life Here Is Like.

### THE CALM.

### Descriptive Account On How We Fare.

Life for the Briton in Hong Kong to-day, writes "Y.C." in the "Daily Express," is calm and peaceful compared with a year ago.

We have now no refugees pouring in, from administrative officers, mercantile representatives and stationaries, to the coolie class, who all fled to the comparative safety of Hong Kong from the disturbed and turbulent interior.

The Fleet is depleted, the ships are sailing for home, Malta or Gibraltar, leaving behind them more memorials than those occasioned by their flying flags and merry music.

The Army, too, we had grown quite accustomed to the thrills of large numbers of British soldiers at drill, marching or at play. The helmeted khaki-clad fellow countrymen gave us a comfortable feeling of security, but, like the Navy, the greater part has left us, and long may they remember the gratitude with which we met and spared them.

Gradually we have settled down to normal life, our refugees have gone, and now that horse-racing is in full swing and we are enjoying that all-too-short span of cool weather which the elements vouchsafe to us in the twelve months, we are to be envied.

Not but that we did not enjoy having the refugees from the warridden provinces of China. They brought considerable interest and excitement to us, and except for the natural worry consequent on leaving home and belongings, they, too, enjoyed their change.

Life in what is "home" for some Britons in the corners of our far-

## BAT BEATS BALL.

### Crop Of County Cricket Centuries.

### "PATSY" IN FORM.

### Huge Totals Featured In Home Championship Games.

At Brighton Gloucestershire defeated Sussex by eight wickets. Gloucester made 330 (Dipper 119), Hollingdale taking five for 25; and 49 for two.

Sussex scored 173 and, following on, 202, Hammond taking six for 62.

Notts Win.

At Nottingham Notts beat Somerset by seven wickets.

Notts made 333 and 87 for three.

Somerset scored 159 and, follow-

Hobbs Again.

At the Oval Surrey drew with West Indies.

The Homesters made 285 (Gregory 98) and 250 for no loss, declared (Sandham 108, Hobbs 123).

The visitors scored 318 and 118 for six.

Hendren's "Double."

At Lord's Hampshire won on first innings against Middlesex. Hampshire scored 540 (Hosie 106, Kennedy 121, Mead 157).

Middlesex scored 200 (Hendren 94) and, following on, 532 for three (Hendren 200, Lee 160, Haig 103 not out).

"Sutty" and Holmes.

At Leyton Yorkshire won on first innings against Essex.

Yorkshire made 514 for six declared (Sutcliffe 129, Holmes 186, Leyland 133).

Essex scored 226 and, following on, 223 for two (O'Connor 130 not out).

8 For 17!

At Leicester Kent took first innings points from Leicestershire.

Kent made 255, Bale taking four wickets for 8 runs; and 311.

Leicester scored 234, Ashdown taking four for 9; and 100 for two.

At Ilkeston Derbyshire won on first innings against Glamorganshire.

Points for Derby.

Derby scored 189 and 314.

Glamorgan scored 282 (Hills 111) and 103 for three.

Hallows in Form.

At Birmingham Lancashire won on first innings against Warwickshire.

Lancashire scored 340 (Hallows 123) and 232 for four declared (Hallows 101 not out).

Warwick made 205, Iddon taking eight for 50; and 231 for one (Kinney 137 not out).—Reuter.

### MORE RAIN?

Southerly or variable winds, moderate, squally, overcast, rain is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The Korean depression has been moving into the sea of Japan. The Indo-China depression is stationary. An anticyclone has formed over N. China.

Hung Empire can be, and frequently is, dull and boring.

Like other places out East, we have our Happy Valley, and it is here that the different sports, so vital to us as a nation, hold their sway.

The brilliant colours of the jockeys' riding kit, the colourful brocades of the kimonos worn by the Chinese women racing devotees, and our own gay European dress, with the clear champagne-like air and brilliant sun, make a picture never to be forgotten when Happy Valley satellites are enjoying a winter day's racing commensurate with its name.

Forgotten for the moment are the muggy, steamy days and nights when it was almost an effort to light a cigarette, and when the tyro wonders what a stitch of dry clothing feels like. Are we not revelling in the twelve weeks' "cooth," which is Hong Kong's winter, when health is recovered and life renewed?

The interport cricket week, when teams from Shanghai and Malaya come to challenge ours, is also a gay and cheery event.

Day after day we turn out in our finery, and nowhere is there a more appreciative audience.

Tea at a Famous Club.

Then, for one of the loveliest sights imaginable, command me to the one of Hong Kong Harbour when the yachts—red and white wings of ocean—are racing when men are "teeing" at the famous club, and when ships of all nations are coming and going, from the mighty British man-o'-war and the floating palaces of America to a sail-patched pirate junk.

Behind all this is the veritable fairland which comprises Hong Kong, the land-locked harbour, and the Peak with its tiers of lordly mansions and such verdure as the world can surely show nowhere else.

Clubs are essential for exiles, and Hong Kong is not lacking in these.

They are at once a blessing and a joy. Here is to be seen the Briton, of both genders, at his and her best, and here is extended the hand of fellowship.

Singapore, Yesterday. Chinese feeling against Japan on account of the Tsian affair is illustrated in the fact that the fund opened by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for relief of the Chinese victims at Tsian totalled \$20,000 within a week.

The Chinese are doing the utmost to avoid anti-Japanese disorders but are determined to boycott Japanese business.

More Troops At Tsian.

Tsingtao, Yesterday.

A detachment of three companies of Japanese infantry which was sent to Tsian last month from Tientsin, has arrived at Tsingtao and immediately board

## THE "ITALIA."

### ON TRIP TO NORTH POLAR REGIONS?

Kings Bay, Yesterday. The airship "Italia" has taken off, it is understood, a three-day flight to Greenland and the North Polar regions.—Reuter.

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#### STUDY OF RADIO DIRECTION FINDING.

#### A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY.

During the past five years the Radio Research Board, established under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, has been conducting an investigation into the various aspects of wireless direction-finding of both practical and scientific interest. A summary of this work is given in an official report by Dr. R. L. Smith-Rose, entitled "A Study of Radio Direction-Finding," and recently published by H.M. Stationery Office (Radio Research, Special Report No. 5, 1927).

Many of the results obtained during the progress of the investigations have been previously published, particularly in the form of official reports, and these constitute a record suitable for those people interested in exact details of the measurements obtained. The object of the present report is rather to give a comprehensive survey of the subject as the result of the investigation and to supplement the previous records with the further results obtained during the past two years.

#### EARLY DEVELOPMENT.

In the first section of the report, states "The Times," a summary is given of the early development of wireless direction-finding up to the year 1921, when the investigations of the Radio Research Board were commenced. Among the earliest experiments undertaken was a study of the various instrumental and local errors to which direction-finders are liable and which must be removed or compensated for before accurate bearings can be obtained with such instruments. In these experiments it was found that such obstacles as metal-

framed buildings, overhead wires, and trees produce an appreciable error in the readings of a direction-finder placed in their vicinity. It is not necessary for the disturbing metal-work to be above the surface of the ground, for a somewhat large error experienced at one of the stations used in this work was ultimately found to be due to a long sheet of expanded steel which supported a sewer duct at some four or five feet below the ground level.

#### NETWORK OF STATIONS.

For the purpose of making systematic observations on the transmissions from various European stations, 10 identical direction-finding stations were erected in the British Isles in 1921 and operated under the control of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington. At a later date two further stations were brought into operation, and thus completed a network stretching from Oxford on the East Coast to Bristol and Belfast in the West, and to Aberdeen and Lerwick, in the Shetland Islands, in the extreme North.

These stations were engaged in taking regular daily observations over a period of from two to five years, and the results obtained have been analysed in detail, and are discussed in this and the preceding reports.

#### VARIOUS RANGES.

At the various ranges of transmission from 10 to 1,500 miles it was found that the bearings of transmitting stations were reliable by day to an extreme error of 4 deg., the great majority of the readings being correct to within 2 deg. During the hours of darkness, however, it was found that under certain conditions the observed bearings were subject to erratic variations, which makes accurate direction-finding very difficult. Fortunately for the important application of direction-finding to marine navigation, these variable night errors are not en-

countered when the path of transmission is entirely oversea and is limited to a distance of about 100 miles. When the transmission path is overland these night errors begin to be effective at the shorter ranges of 30 miles and over. In some of the more recent experiments observations were made in this country on the transmissions from some of the American stations at distances of over 3,000 miles, and it was then found that the above night errors were not present, although they were very serious indeed for a shorter range of 760 miles.

#### THEORY VERIFIED.

The co-ordination of the large quantity of data obtained in this investigation has furnished very exact information as to the actual nature and magnitude of the various effects observed, and the results are found to be in good agreement with the observations made in other countries, as widely scattered as France, Germany, America, and China.

The research work in this country has further led to a verification of the theory advanced some years ago to account for these direction-finding phenomena. In this theory it is assumed that a portion of the wireless wave energy from transmitting station travels in the upper regions of the earth's atmosphere, and is then deflected downwards towards the earth.

#### STRICT EXAMINATION.

At the receiving station these downcoming waves interfere with those which have travelled along the surface of the earth and produce the variations in bearings on direction-finders, and also the fading of received signals. In the report of the Radio Research Board under discussion this theory is subjected to a strict numerical examination, and is found to account satisfactorily for the various phenomena experienced. Furthermore, as a result of this accurate understanding of the subject, a system of direction-finding has been developed which is entirely free from the above erratic night errors. This system has been tested in the early stages, and is now being developed from practical point of view.

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#### SATISFACTORY FEATURE.

A satisfactory feature of the experiments is that a close examination of the data obtained by means of these transmissions produces results which are found to be in agreement with the observations made in other countries near and far. One very interesting feature of the present report is the support it supplies to the theory advanced some years ago to account for the vagaries of wireless reception. This theory assumed that the waves of wireless energy as well as being transmitted over the surface of the earth also travelled to the outer portion of the atmosphere, and were thence deflected earthwards, meeting and affecting those waves which travelled along the earth's surface.

#### CLOSE EXAMINATION.

The theory was subjected to close examination and experiment, and it was found to account in a satisfactory manner for the variations observed at the receiving station. As a result of the knowledge thus attained it has been found possible to evolve a system of direction-finding which is not affected by the night errors which have been such a source of trouble in the past, and experiments along these lines will be continued, but already the practical use of this system is being developed. Its value from the point of view of the safety of shipping is almost incalculable. Already the help afforded by the wireless direction finder is exceedingly great, but its future potentialities are enormous.

#### DETECTING ERRORS.

In all there have been established in and around the British Isles a dozen identical wireless direction finding stations, all of these being operated under the control of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington, and regular daily observations have been and are being made. In the earlier stages great care was necessary in the endeavour to detect errors, for the results were often affected by such disturbing influences as the proximity of telephone wires, trees, buildings in the construction of which metal was largely used and other causes, and it was often found that metal underground was a considerable source of trouble. It was not until these influences were detected and allowed for that real progress was possible.

#### A THEORY UPHELD.

Tests were made between the transmitting station at distances varying from ten to a thousand miles, and it was found that day transmission was more reliable, generally speaking, than during the night. In the hours of darkness erratic conditions frequently prevailed, and the error was greater than during the day time, particularly overland. Transmission over the sea was less liable to variation up to the 100 mile limit. In some of the long distant experiments over sea, however, considerable variation was found, which, singularly enough, were not detected at distances approaching 3,000 miles and over.

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Six bodies were found by Japanese inspectors in the hold of the "Yahiko Maru," a Japanese cargo ship of 5,724 tons, which recently completed a trip from Seattle to Yokohama. With the arrest of the ship's assistant cook the officials learned the tragic end of a scheme to beat the immigration laws of the United States.

It is stated that the assistant cook agreed with the six would-be immigrants to conceal them on the ship, and care for them until their arrival at Seattle, where he was to arrange some method of slipping them into the United States. It is believed he locked them in a compartment of the lower hold.

Identification Impossible.

Whether the vigilance of the authorities at Seattle broke up the plan is not known, but something went wrong, and the cook was unable to carry out his part of the bargain. From his story to the Japanese authorities it was learned that he was so badly frightened that he did not release the prisoners, and even failed to take food or water to them.

The "Yahiko Maru" sailed from Seattle, but he did not report the presence of the stowaways to the ship's officers. The six, locked in without nourishment and unable to make themselves heard, died of starvation on the trip back to Yokohama. When the ship reached Japan their bodies could not be identified, and not even their race could be determined.

## PASSENGER LISTS.

### DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed Hong Kong by the ss. "Haruna Maru" for Japan via Shanghai on May 14 were:

Baron and Baroness K. Matsui, Miss S. Matsui, Mr. D. E. Jones, Mr. K. Hayashi, Mr. C. Mamada, Mr. S. Sofuye, Mr. T. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. K. Mori, Mr. and Mrs. Cheshire, Mr. A. S. Abbott, Mr. Y. Katsukawa, Mr. W. V. O'Neil, Mr. H. Aoyama, Mr. S. M. Wallace, Dr. Ogawa, Mr. S. Arai, Mr. Albert Long, Mrs. Katchinsky, Mrs. K. Kuwahara, Miss I. Kuwahara, Mstr. T. Kuwahara, Mstr. A. Kuwahara, Miss E. Edwards, Baron and Baroness S. Matsudaira, Miss B. M. Meyer, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Stearns, Miss E. N. Shickel, Mr. S. A. Watts, Mr. C. M. Poulsen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Laycock, Mrs. I. Yau, Mstr. A. Yau, Rev. E. C. Lobenstein, Dr. W. D. Loyd, Mr. Albalu, Mr. Mohamed Scherif, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Belbin, Mr. I. Yamazaki, Mr. K. Uchida, Mr. S. Sakai, Mr. J. Kishii, Mr. and Mrs. Namikata, Mr. A. Fuhrman, Mr. and Mrs. O. Winger, Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Mr. Jean Verdier, Mr. T. Ueda, Mr. Y. Ota, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cox, Mr. M. Muramoto, Mr. I. Murata, Mr. K. Kidzu, Mr. K. Yaguchi, Mr. and Mrs. K. Matsui, Mstr. H. Matsui, Miss H. Matsui, Mstr. T. Matsui, Mr. I. Abramovitch, Mr. J. Chawick, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kuretake, Mr. Dethleffsen, Mr. G. Wallace, Mr. S. C. Tang, Mr. Uzaki, Mr. T. Ito, Mr. Suzuki, Mr. Tsuru, Mr. Nakahara, Mr. S. Matsue, Mr. K. Matsuyama, Mrs. K. Matsuyama, Mr. and Mrs. M. Motemura, Miss T. Fukami, Miss F. Ohgane, Dr. Wen Han-gew, Rev. Yee Shing-leu, Mr. S. Higuchi, Mr. Igglehart, Mr. H. Saito, Mrs. Ho, Mr. Ho.

Passengers departed Hong Kong per s.s. "Siberia Maru" for San Francisco via ports on May 14, 1928.

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## CHIANG'S PREDICAMENT.

Every day brings a fresh phase in connection with the war in the north and the incidence of Japanese intervention. To-day's angle is provided by the publication of what are termed "The Five Demands" of Japan. The Chinese, quite naturally, consider them high-handed; Japan and supporters of her policy will consider them at least mild. Also, quite naturally, an outburst of indignation is to be expected from the Nationalists, against whom the demands are levelled. The outcome no doubt will be that Japan will get what she wants so far as it is possible for the Nationalists to give it. Japan generally gets what she wants in China; history has proven this.

As to the demands. The first stipulates that Chiang Kai-shek shall make an apology in person, and it is a pity that this is given premier place. The other four are by no means so severe, from a Chinese point of view, and if they had been complied with perhaps this one embracing a personal apology could have been waived. As it is, Chiang Kai-shek is most likely categorically to refuse to comply with it; indeed, it is about the last thing he would think of doing; the loss of "face" would be tremendous. Japan, of course, realises this; and it certainly appears as if that country means to "rub it in." The second demand, that General Ho Yao-tsu "the originator of the incident," be punished, is one easily satisfied. This General Ho is a subordinate, and it is a common practice for subordinates to be punished, guilty or not guilty. The third demand, too, should present no serious obstacles. It calls for the disarming of all

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THESE PROFESSORS.

To the Editor of the "China Mail":

Sir.—As a new arrival I am struck by the repeated mention of Professor This and Professor That in the local papers. What does "Professor" mean? Does it mean that they are simply well versed in some particular subject, or is "Professor" a degree conferred upon a person by some qualified authority in England, or can anybody call himself "Professor"? If I am lucky at cards and have a wonderful credit each month can I call myself "Professor of Bridge"?

Are the "Professors" in England those who sell patent corn killers, patent medicines, renowned cough cures, and such like, in the same category, or do they get their degrees direct from Headquarters in England?

Finally what does "Professor" mean, what does it signify, and what is to prevent, say a froth blower calling himself a "Professor" of his own particular art, in some cases, from the quantity he blows, "excellence?"

Yours, etc.,  
ENQUIRER.

## GIRL'S ATTEMPT.

A 14-year-old Chinese girl living on the ground floor of No. 14, Salt-street, attempt to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour near Wilmer-street. She was rescued and removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion.

## TRIPLE MARRIAGE.

YOUNGSAYE BROTHERS AND THEIR BRIDES.

## HANGCHOW HONEYMOON.

The three Youngsaye brothers, who have distinguished themselves in various activities in the Colony, were married together yesterday at the local registry.

Mr. A. V. Youngsaye of Messrs. Russ & Co. is the English secretary of the Chinese Athletic Association. His bride was Miss Lai Yung-mei.

Mr. J. L. Youngsaye is a master at the Diocesan Boys' School. He played cricket for the University when he was there, turns out regularly for the Chinese Recreation Club, and has performed wonders in coaching the Diocesan School XI's. The present unprecedentedly high standard of school cricket is due largely to his efforts. His bride was Miss Chen Sze-ching of Shanghai.

Mr. W. A. Youngsaye has also figured in Varsity cricket. His bride is Miss Chow Hok-kee of Canton.

## The Reception.

Mr. Young Hee of Messrs. Russ & Co., uncle of the bridegrooms, received about two hundred guests at the reception in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant. The Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., proposed the health of the brides and bridegrooms.

The Chinese ceremony will be performed at Canton. The honeymoon is to be spent at Shanghai and Hangchow, China's famous beauty spot in Chekiang province.

## M. ZOUBKOV.

### A MEETING AND AN EASTER EGG.

## PRINCESS'S HUSBAND.

Brussels.—M. Zoubkov, the young Russian husband of the ex-Kaiser's sister, Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe, has gone to Rumania, the only country in Europe prepared to give him hospitality.

According to the "Meuse," a Liege newspaper, M. Zoubkov was about to spend a few hours with his wife, his mother, and Mme. Nyssens, the woman with whom he first came to Belgium. The women crossed the frontier at Tulje, and the Princess in a dark blue tailor-made costume and smart grey felt hat, fervently embraced M. Zoubkov, and presented him with an Easter egg she had brought specially from Bonn for him.

They had luncheon at Dolhian, and the Princess stated that she had written to Charlotte Grand Duchess of Luxembourg asking that she, "Victoria von Zoubkov, Princess of Prussia," and her husband might be allowed to settle down peacefully in the grand duchy.

"My Dear Husband."

"Alexander and I married because we loved one another, and our love is still as great," said Princess Victoria.

"The Germans detest him, and they believed

that they were acting gallantly towards me in not expelling me with my dear husband."

After luncheon the women returned by motor-car to Bonn, while M. Zoubkov went back to Verviers to pack.

## HEROIN PIPE.

### NOVELTY EXHIBITED IN COURT.

At the Central this morning, a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the unlawful possession of 49 heroin pills, and pleaded "guilty." C.P.O. Clark who arrested the man on the Tai-ping ferry boat, exhibited to the Magistrate a novel pipe which the accused admitted was for the purpose of smoking the pills in the same way as opium. The pipe consisted of a small porcelain jar with a small neck in which was inserted a length of hollow bamboo. In the side of the jar a small hole was bored just big enough to insert a pill. The C.P.O. added that at the time of this arrest the accused threw two parcels overboard. At least one of the parcel, Mr. Clark was sure contained opium as he had a glimpse of opium tins before the parcel disappeared underneath the surface of the water. The Magistrate remanded the accused until Friday, fixing bail in the sum of \$1,000.

## INSANE CHINESE.

A Chinese, aged about 47 years, who is apparently insane, was yesterday found by the police in Belcher-street, Kennedy-town, behaving in an unusual manner. He had an injury over his right eye and a cut on the upper lip, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment and observation.

## COLONY'S HEALTH.

DR. KOCH'S MOTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

## INACTIVITY ALLEGED.

A number of members not voting, the following motion tabled by Dr. W. V. M. Koch at the Sanitary Board was adopted at yesterday's meeting by three votes to none:

"That this Board respectfully suggests to the Authorities the propriety of setting in action investigations into the possibility of devising means for the prevention of the prevalent infectious diseases, such as typhoid, malaria, tuberculosis, etc. It further suggests that such investigations might be undertaken by local medical men under the direction of the Government, and that their reports be published for the guidance of the community."

The attendance comprised:—Mr. W. J. Carrie (President), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Dr. G. W. Pope, Dr. H. A. Fawcett, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. C. Ho, Dr. S. W. Tso, LL.D., Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

Inadequate Measures.

Dr. S. C. Ho was the seconder of the motion. The President replied on behalf of the Government.

Dr. Koch went very extensively into statistics and other details. Present sanitary measures were inadequate, he said, and the Government should do much more than it does.

Attention was drawn by Dr. Koch to the fact that results of investigations by medical experts in the past had been pigeon-holed.

"The application of methods of preventing the diffusion of diseases has been woefully neglected in this Colony. The authorities have adopted an attitude of apathetic acquiescence when it was their bounden duty to direct enquiry and research," said Dr. Koch.

Public Lectures.

Steps should be taken, he pointed out, to investigate the origin and prevent the diffusion of diseases. Dr. Koch criticised the unhealthy way in which food was exposed for sale and the transport of pig carcasses in open carts or on the shoulders of perspiring coolies.

Dr. Ho pleaded for public education in hygiene by lectures and demonstrations by the Government health officers.

Dr. S. W. Tsu said that investigation will help considerably in preventing infectious disease. In this connection, he felt, the local Chinese medical practitioners can help materially.

"Boards" Not "Department."

Dr. G. W. Pope, the Medical Officer of Health, replied on medical matters raised by Dr. Koch.

Mr. W. J. Carrie (the President) expressed the opinion that

the matter of the condition in which food was exposed for sale in the market was within the province of the Board. Dr. Koch had used the words "within the province of the Sanitary Department," said Mr. Carrie. It struck him (Mr. Carrie) throughout the whole of Dr. Koch's speech, except in regard to the remarks as to the cause of various diseases, that the Department was referred to where it should have been the Board.

Extending Education.

When he first saw the motion, Mr. Carrie continued, he wondered whether the Board was only asked to bring to the notice of the Government that research into the causes was required—but it was admitted that the causes were known—and that the resolution was only to ask the Government to devise means of prevention.

As to Dr. Ho's remarks on public health, Mr. Carrie agreed that education could be extended. The co-operation of Chinese medical practitioners would be of the greatest possible use.

Mr. Carrie doubted whether private practitioners will have the time for an investigation such as proposed by Dr. Koch.

## ROUND HIS WAIST.

### WELL KNOWN CHARACTER FINED.

Arrested in Eastern-street, West Point, yesterday, a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate, with the unlawful possession of 40 taels of prepared non-Government opium which was found tied to his waist. He said that a friend whom he met coming from a sampan at the Praya gave him the opium to carry. Inspector Clark told the Magistrate that the accused was a well-known character who was always hanging about the wharves. Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$2,500, or, in default six months' hard labour.

## P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

"Hi, mister," called the driver of a huge dray, "Will you kindly hold my horse's head for me while I get down?"

The pedestrian hesitated.

"Well, I'll do my best," he observed, approaching gingerly, "though I don't know much about horses. Er—which one shall I hold?"

"The off 'un," replied the driver. "Dear me, poor thing," exclaimed the pedestrian. "Do you mean this sad-looking one?"

"No, I don't," cried the driver.

"Yes, I know you did," replied the pedestrian "but, as I wasn't at his parent's funeral, how the dickens am I to guess which is the orphan?"

Lady: Wasn't it you to whom I gave a glass of elderberry wine last Wednesday?

Mendicant: "Yes, ma'am—I've come to see if you could sell me a bottle of it."

Constable (giving evidence): "And the prisoner said, yer honour, as how somebody 'ad blown the gaff."

His Honour: "What does that mean?"

Constable: "Why, given 'im away, yer honour."

His Honour: "And what am I to understand by that?"

## NOISE.

THEATRE MANAGER SUMMONED.

## ADVERTISING STUNTS.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to defend the manager of the Lee Theatre who was summoned for organising a procession on April 25, without a permit from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. Hugh-Jones also produced a summons in Court against the lessees of Lee Theatre. He said that that summons was left at the theatre, but it was not served on the lessees as they had already left the theatre.

A third summons relating to the same procession was against the Ting Cho Kwai firm which made the arrangements for the procession on the instruction of the lessees of Lee Theatre.

This man admitted supplying all the things carried in the procession.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest who prosecuted in behalf of the S.C.A., told the Magistrate that action was taken by the S.C.A., as the result of complaints received from the District Watch Committee with regard to these advertising processions, which were continued in spite of notices which had been sent round notifying that these processions must stop. Mr. Forrest admitted that the summons was brought for the purpose of obtaining publicity.

For Publicity. Mr. Lindsell accordingly fined the representative of the Ting Cho Kwai firm \$10, and advised him in future, before undertaking a procession to make sure that a permit had been issued.

With regard to the summons against the manager of the Lee Theatre, Mr. Hugh-Jones said that his client could hardly be held responsible, as at the time the procession was held, the theatre was leased for four days to the Tai Lo Tin Theatrical Company, who made all their arrangements with regard to the advertising and sale of tickets in connection with their performances.

Counsel submitted that the people who should have been summoned were the lessees of the theatre, who, he understood, had now gone to Canton.

Mr. Forrest stated that the name of Lee Theatre appeared beside that of the theatrical company on handbills distributed by those taking part in the procession.

Mr. Hugh-Jones argued that the name of the theatre had to appear on the handbills for the public to know where the company was appearing.

Mr. Lindsell agreed with Mr. Hugh-Jones, whereupon Mr. Forrest withdrew the summons against the manager of Lee Theatre.

In dismissing the summons, Mr. Lindsell said that all that the S.C.A. could do now was to wait until the Tai Lo Tin Theatrical Company come to Hong Kong again, and then take out a summons against them.

## MARINE RATES.

## INCREASE IN HULL PREMIUMS.

London, To-day. In consequence of heavy losses in the marine insurance market in recent years the Institute of London Underwriters announce an increase in the rate on Hulls irrespective of ownership and nationality by 10 per cent. operative on the renewal of existing contracts.—Reuter.

## THE 11TH HUSSARS.

## FAREWELL TO THEIR HORSES.

Officers and troopers of the 11th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own) were in the saddle for the last time in mail week, the regiment being converted into an armoured car unit.

Three hundred of the horses are going from Aldershot to remount depots, eventually to be posted to other mounted regiments.

Several horses have already been earmarked, and Clara, which has 13 years' service in the "Cherry Pickers," is to be sent to the royal stables.

The aged war horses are to be retired and to spend the remainder of their days in comfort. None is being shot.

In a few weeks' time officers and men are to receive instruction in armoured car work at Wool, Dorset.

The regiment, originally the 11th Dragoons, was raised in Essex in 1715. It was present at the Battle of Culloden and was in the famous charge at Balaklava. It was in the retreat from Mons in the Great War. It acquired the nickname of the "Cherry Pickers" from its crimson overalls.

## SUICIDE.

## CHINESE JUMPS OVER VERANDAH.

## INQUEST STORY.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E. Lindsell held an inquest at the Central Magistracy into the death of a Chinese patient at the Government Civil Hospital who was stated to have met his death by throwing himself from the verandah of his ward sustaining severe injuries to his head.

The deceased, according to Dr. G. H. Thomas, assistant Medical Officer at the Hospital, was operated upon for stomach trouble. When the witness saw him the following day, he was restless and breathing heavily. He was apparently delirious, but his temperature was not high. When the witness returned from dinner he received a report and going to the receiving room saw the patient lying dead in a stretcher. It was possible that in his delirious condition the patient had thrown himself from the verandah, not knowing what he was doing.

## Nurse Too Late.

Miss Lily Poon an assistant nurse at the Hospital said that she was instructed to prepare a morphine injection for the patient. When she entered the ward, the man was already in the act of jumping over the verandah parapet. She rushed towards the patient but she only managed to touch his clothing before he dropped to the ground below.

After other evidence had been heard, the jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure, in that the deceased threw himself over the verandah in a fit of acute pain, without knowing what he was doing.

The jury commended the prompt and plucky act of the Chinese nurse, Lily Poon, in trying to save the deceased from falling.

## CINEMA NOTES.

## "SORRELL AND SON" AT THE QUEEN'S.

## A ROMANCE OF ENGLAND.

"Sorrell and Son," the big screen version of Warwick Deeping's story of England after the war, comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day where it will be shown until Saturday. The picture follows closely the original story, and the opening scenes find Captain Stephen Sorrell, M.C., returning from the war to discover his pleasure loving wife in the act of running away. With his young son, to bring up, Captain Sorrell sets about getting work, but in the end he is compelled to accept the position of hotel bar porter. How he "carries on" for the sake of his son, whose future is his chief regard, makes a wonderful story. Produced by Herbert Brenon, famous as the director of "Peter Pan," "A Kiss for Cinderella" and "Beau Geste," the picture has a big cast led by such capable players as H. B. Warner, Anna Q. Nilsson, Carmel Myers, Lionel Belmore, Nils Asther and Alice Joyce. "Sorrell and Son" is a long film and performances start promptly each day at 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30.

## FRUSTRATED.

## POLICE STOP ROBBERY PLANS.

A strong party of detectives under the direction of Inspector Fallon succeeded on Saturday in frustrating an armed robbery which was supposed to have been planned during the past few days by a dangerous gang of desperadoes.

The police carried out an unexpected raid at No. 517, Shanghai-street, and the alleged robbers were all taken by surprise.

Four men who were in the cockpit at the time of the raid were placed under arrest. The raiders then carried out a systematic search of the place and discovered two revolvers and 12 rounds of ammunition.

All four men were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with the unlawful possession of the arms and ammunition, without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police. The case was heard by two Magistrates, Mr. W. Schofield being accompanied on the bench by Major C. Willson.

Evidence as to the raid was given, and it was stated that after being duly cautioned, the second defendant took entire responsibility for the presence of the weapons in the house.

This accused repeated his admission in Court, and accepting the plea, the Magistrates convicted him and passed sentence of five years hard labour, the severe sentence being due to a police statement that the raid was carried out because they had information that an armed robbery had been planned.

## LIPSTICK.

## QUESTION OF ITS NECESSITY.

## TYPIST'S ARGUMENT.

Berlin.—Fraulein Bibi, a typist with a face like a doll's, appeared before a Berlin labour court to claim a month's wages in lieu of notice.

Her late employer stated that he had noted mysterious red marks on the white curtains of the office. He ascertained that Fraulein Bibi had formed the evil habit of correcting the curve of her lips when they required a new coating of lipstick, with the curtains instead of—as she might have done—with a pocket handkerchief.

The curtains were covered with greasy smears of lipstick, and clients had passed remarks about them which were most painful.

His reputation and the reputation of the firm were at stake. In the circumstances he discharged the typist and refused to pay her anything but the money due to her for work done.

Fraulein Bibi acted as her own counsel. She sustained with great ability the thesis that lipstick is a necessity of life and indispensable to any girl who desires to have a successful business career.

She went with great thoroughness into the question of the price of lipsticks. She admitted there were superior lipsticks of indelible paint—so cleverly made that a fashionable curve could be given to the mouth without the help of curtains or handkerchiefs. She stated emphatically that she did not consider a typist was justified in buying these expensive lipsticks, and pointed out that a girl with her salary was forced to buy cheap lipstick.

She discussed the wage-question with the eloquence of a trade union leader, explained what she did with her money, and proved conclusively that she had nothing over for extra pocket handkerchiefs or for higher-priced lipsticks, which were unsuitable for a person of her station in life. In a peroration she pleaded that the cause she defended was not merely her own, but that of a hundred thousand other typists.

Her film-star lips parted in a brilliant smile when the court upheld her point of view and ordered her employer to hand over a tidy sum, which will doubtless brighten Fraulein Bibi's holiday.

## NEW STEPS.

## WHAT THEY ARE DANCING NOW.

[By A Dance Professional.] A change is coming over the fashionable ballrooms. For the past year the dance scene has suggested a procession of orderly and nicely poised robots. Now a series of new jazz variations is

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## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Sorrell and Son."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Lighthouse by the Sea."

To-day—World Theatre; "Foot-loose Widows."

Sports.

May 26-28—Fifth Extra Race Meetings of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Lammermoor Auction.

May 17—At 6, Knutsford-terrace, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

Meetings.

May 17—Forty-seventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

May 18—Extraordinary general meeting of China Sugar Refinery Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-fifth annual meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., Union-bldg., 11 a.m.

May 25—Fifty-ninth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.15 a.m.

May 25—Sixty-second annual meeting of British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., Union-bldg., 11.20 a.m.

May 29—Half yearly meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

May 24—Official opening by H.E. The Officer Administering the Govt. of Chear 'O new premises, in City Hall, 6 p.m.

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## OLD IRISH.

## FIRST COMPLETE DICTIONARY.

The first complete dictionary of Old Irish is about to be published in Germany after 14 years of research and study of Gaelic by American and German scholars. The work is the product of nearly every nationality except the Irish.

Prof. Rudolf Thurneysen, a leading authority on philology and the derivation of words, has been directing the project, which had been suspended during the World War. Prof. Fred. N. Robinson of Harvard, and a leading authority on philology in the United States, has been collaborating with the German scholar in directing the American contributors.

These are three different roads which converge towards the destruction of human life and which will ever shock all those who respect it.

Society has the right to defend itself, but it should do so in the most rational and useful way, pursuing the dual objective of getting rid of the criminals and yet not wasting useful human material. The surgeon and the dentist are only called in when there is no other cure.

There is only one class of criminals of whom it can be said that they are beyond reform, because reform is a matter of will-power, and that they are useless to society, because they are incapable of any form of work, and these are the criminals classed as "irresponsible"—that is to say, the madmen.

But it is precisely these unfortunate people whom we cannot sentence to death on moral and sentimental grounds. Logically, therefore, it follows that society looks after, feeds, and preserves only those criminals who are absolutely useless, and by a strange process of selection destroys the others.

Devil's Island.

Statistics are the chief arguments used against transportation to Devil's Island and similar places. Great points are made of the cost, the failure to obtain any result, the terrible and final corruption of the convicts by associating with one another, and the frightful death-roll under tropical skies. It may well be that it is really defective administration which is responsible for what is depicted as a sort of fatality.

Britain has no reason to regret that she did not put to death the convicts who were sent to Botany Bay.

As for the intimidating effect of the death penalty, this argument is destroyed by every serious observation. Fear of the death penalty never stays the hand of the so-called "passionate" criminal, an impulsive being animated by a desire for vengeance, by jealousy, or by sadistic abnormality, because he is incapable of reasoning at the very moment when he ought to weigh the consequence of his actions.

Risks of the Trade.

As for the professional criminal, he regards the death penalty as one of the risks of the trade and he fears it neither more nor less than any other consequence of his crime.

Besides, to mount the scaffold is for him a sort of supreme heroism and a means of passing down in history. There have always been more murderers than scaffold, and horrors of the tortures of days gone by never prevented crime.

On the whole, though jazz music-blues, foxtrot, Charlestons, Baltimore, black bottom, and their several variations—is more rhythmic and melodious. In a word, it is better—at once easier to dance to and more attractive to listen to.—"Daily Mail."

His Majesty, the King's Birthday Parade will take place this year on June 4, at Happy Valley. It is expected that the hour of parade will be 3 a.m.

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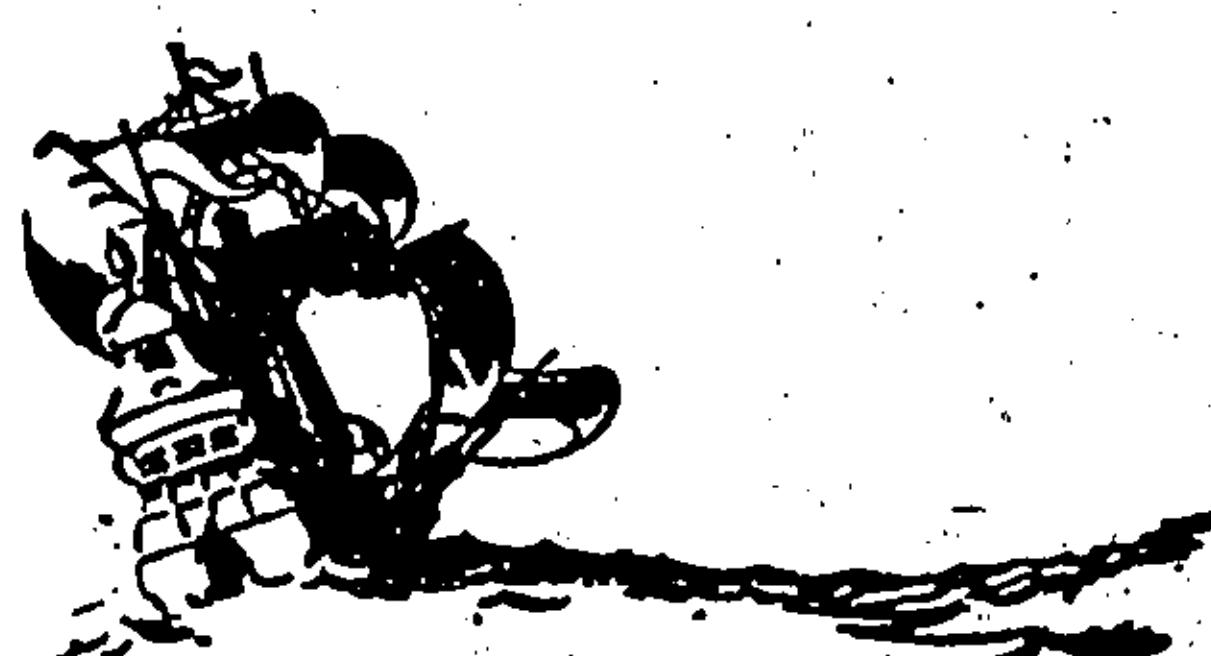
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

£5,000 towards the £12,000 needed to enlarge Bishop's Stortford Hospital has been given by Mr. C. W. Randall.

The City church of St. Mary-at-Hill has received Communion set from a woman visitor who declined to give her name.

A 21-seater liner of the Imperial Airways, with a full load of holiday-makers, made the flight from Paris to London in 100 minutes.

The stand in the 5s. enclosure at Harringay Greyhound Races caught fire recently but the flames were quickly put out by extinguishers.

The second child to be baptised in H.M.S. "Hood" was Pauline Dorothy Green, daughter of Mr. Arthur C. Green, the bandmaster.

Dame Margaret Lloyd George was re-elected, at Llandrindod Wells, president of the Welsh Women's National Liberal Federation.

Lord Cottesloe, Lord-Lieutenant of Bucks, attended the banquet at High Wycombe given by the new Mayor to celebrate the extension of the borough.

An association for the study of international law has been founded in Belgrade under the presidency of Professor Miletic Novakovich, of Belgrade University.

At a meeting of the Surrey Playing Fields Association it was reported that about one fifth of the school children in Surrey had no playing fields at all available for organised games.

Burglars who broke into the post office in Southampton-street, Strand, failed to open the safe and got nothing of value; but more than £250 was taken from a safe at the Empire Picture Palace at Camberwell, S.E., by burglars not long afterwards.

The first two submarines of the Jugoslav Fleet, built by Armstrongs, have arrived at the port of Kotor. They were escorted by a squadron of seaplanes, and saluted by the crews of all the ships in the harbour. They carry two four-inch anti-aircraft guns and six 21-inch torpedo tubes.

Richmond Town Council have appointed Mr. Edwin M. Neave as Town Clerk to succeed Mr. Henry Saga on his retirement in October. Mr. Neave, who has been deputy Town Clerk at Hammersmith since August, 1926, is 33 years of age. The commencing salary is £900 per annum, rising to £1,200.

A yacht boy was yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with the larceny of \$23, the property of 2nd Lieut. J. A. Burns of the Scots Guards. The theft, was alleged to have occurred on board the yacht "Gael" at Lamma Island on Sunday last. The accused was remanded until Friday afternoon.

Hong Kong estate valued at \$1,300 was left by Mr. A. W. Macconochie, late of 8 Porchester-gate, Hyde Park, London, who died on Feb. 3, 1926, at 29 Wimpole-street, London. Net personality in England, as far as is present ascertained, amounts to £107,985-9-4d. Re-sealing of probate with seven codicils has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacons.

An arrest made in Canton last Friday, recalled the sensational piracy in October last year on board the steam launch "Woo Fat Shing" which was attacked in Hong Kong harbour, beached at North Point, and a cargo of gold ingots worth \$50,000 carried away. Local Chinese detectives travelled to Canton following the receipt of information from the Chinese police, and with the assistance of the Public Safety Bureau, the alleged pirates were arrested in Nanchow. He was brought back to Hong Kong, and is now in police custody awaiting identification.

Estate in this Colony to the value of \$11,400 was left by Mr. N. E. Stanley Gardner, planter, late of Batang, Berjuntai, state or Selangor, I.M.S., who died at Guy's Hospital, London, on Nov. 16, 1927. Re-sealing of probate has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacons, who is the attorney of Mr. C. W. S. Gardner (a brother), planter, of Kuala, Selangor, and Mr. J. W. Winter (brother-in-law), Huntingdon, England, the executors and trustees. Everything is bequeathed to the trustees for administration. The will directs that the widow, Mrs. M. L. Gardner, shall receive an income for the rest of her life provided she does not marry again. The will makes bequests to children and also to the late Mr. Gardner's mother, Mrs. E. S. Gardner, item: sugar, rice, oil, tea, and donshiro, England.

H. M. destroyer "Vimy" is being refitted at Sheerness.

A £25 cheque was in the Easter offertory at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Essex.

Sir Henry Bowles was elected churchwarden of Enfield for the twentieth successive year.

"Standfast," the old training brig at Kingston, has been dismantled, and is to be sent to the shipbreakers.

A squadron of the British Mediterranean Fleet, comprising the battleships "Warspite" and "Ramilles," and nine destroyers, stayed a week off the roads of Golfe Juan, Nice. The squadron is expected to stay a week.

The stand in the 5s. enclosure at Harringay Greyhound Races caught fire recently but the flames were quickly put out by extinguishers.

The Queen's Rangers, the oldest Canadian militia unit, has become allied to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, the second regiment in seniority in the British infantry.

Authorisation has been given to a private company to put a service of taxi-motor-boats on the Danube. A start will be made on May 1 with twenty boats, each capable of carrying twenty passengers.

The American Consul-General at Calcutta confirms the report of the arrival at Leh of Mr. V. G. Plymire, the American missionary who some time ago was reported to have been murdered by Tribesmen.

The fifth international conference on refrigeration and cold storage was inaugurated in Rome by the Minister of National Economy, Signor Belluzzo. Over 500 delegates were present, representing all the principal States.

Numbers of pilgrims, many from Glasgow, Manchester, and Bolton, visited the shrine at Carfin-grotto, near Motherwell, Lanarkshire, known as the "Scottish Lourdes" because of the miraculous cures said to have taken place there.

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At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, an elderly Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with attempting to defraud a woman of twenty cents by representing that he was authorised to collect money in behalf of the Han Man Temple of Yau-nati. A book found on the accused contained the names of several other donors. A fine of \$50 was imposed, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

Baron von Huenfeld, left, and Capt. Hermann Koehl, photographed on their arrival at Baldonei Aerodrome in England from the Templehof Field at Berlin on the first lap of the transatlantic flight to the United States. The men are flying a Junker single motored plane and are the same two, who last year in the company of Captain Loos, attempted a transatlantic flight, but were forced back off the coast of Scotland following a heavy storm. When the aviators left Berlin, they stated they would make every attempt to span the ocean. Baron von Huenfeld a Prussian nobleman, entered the plane wearing his uniform. The plane will carry enough fuel for a 50 hour flight but will not be equipped with any radio or life saving devices.

The Rev. Charles John Godfrey Saunders, Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment has been appointed to the Bishopric of Lucknow, vacant by the death of Dr. Westcott.

When the retiring Japanese Ambassador, Baron Matsui, and Baroness Matsui left London for Japan, they were presented by Mr. W. W. Grantham, K.C., with a Sussex horseshoe decorated with prisms.

The death is announced of Mrs. O. M. Tapp, of Abbey Farm, Stratton-on-the-Gore, Somerset, who had won many championships, including that of Holland, for cheese-making, and had supplied cheese to Buckingham Palace for 15 years.

Owing to the great number of letters which disappear in transit the Post Office Direction at Cologne has issued another warning and appeal to the public not to enclose paper money or other valuables in ordinary letters, but to use either registered post or the special mission of money.

Some 1,400 pilgrims from New England have been at Quebec on a visit to the shrine of St. Jeanne de Beaupre.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirke White, of Lincoln, have been congratulated by the King and Queen on their diamond wedding.

Among the congratulatory messages received by Mr. Fred Hall, M.P., on his golden wedding, was one from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Mr. John Edward Taylor, of Hillside, Green Street Green, near Farnborough, said to be the oldest man in Kent, celebrated his 104th birthday by working in the garden.

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**Sport Columns**
**BASKET BALL.**  
INTER-SCHOOL PRIZES PRESENTED.

The successful Inter-School Basketball Competition was brought to a close yesterday when Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, presented the trophies to St. Paul's College, winners of the Senior Division, and to Ying Wah College, the Junior Division champions.

The ceremony took place at the Basket Ball ground of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., at Bridges-street, in the presence of a large gathering of interested spectators.

In a brief address at the opening of the ceremony, Mr. E. G. Stewart, President of the Hong Kong Basket Ball Association, congratulated the winners of both divisions, and said that particular praise was due to Ying Wah College, who besides winning the Junior Division, secured runners-up's position in the Seniors.

The speaker expressed appreciation of the services rendered by officials of the association. Names mentioned by Mr. Stewart were Mr. Ko Sik-kwai, Secretary of the Basket Ball League; Mr. Leung Sui-sang, Secretary of the Schools Section, and Mr. Richard Shim of St. Paul's College. The Chinese Y.M.C.A. officials were also mentioned for starting the League and helping it along to a successful conclusion.

**Mr. Wood's Congratulations.**  
Mr. Wood also congratulated the winner, and said that it was very creditable that all the 18 teams in the competition had carried out their entire programme of games without missing a single one. He commented on the combination of energy, accuracy and teamwork in the game of basket ball, and in conclusion associated himself with Mr. Stewart's expression of appreciation of the services rendered by the officials, and included Mr. Stewart's name amongst those "mentioned."

An interesting exhibition game was played between St. Paul's College, Senior Division winners, and the Rest; the champions winning by 26-17.

**GOLF IN GLASSES.**
**IMPORTANCE OF VISION ON THE LINKS.**

In the case of a golfer with defective eyesight, is it wise for him to accustom himself to wearing glasses when pursuing the game?

They are certainly a handicap rather than a help, in some circumstances (says Harry Vardon), as, for instance, in rain, which splatters and settles on the lenses, and blurs the vision so that the sure sighting of the ball in addressing it becomes virtually impossible.

In wind, also, glasses are apt to be troublesome, for the reason that a strong gust will treat them like the sails of a ship and disturb them considerably, or even whisk them off. There is a safeguard, however, against this contingency. A year or so ago, I had a pair of spectacles made convex shape, so that the rims fitted to the flesh round the eyes, thus preventing the wind from getting in behind the glasses and blowing them about.

Tolerably Serviceable.  
If my vision is not quite what it used to be, it remains tolerably serviceable, which explains why I have only periodically tried the expedient of wearing spectacles for golf. Some of the experiments, however, have been very satisfactory.

One such occasion was when, about twelve months ago, I went round my home course at Totteridge in 66 strokes. The best part of it was that the glasses seemed to make putting easy, for I took no more than 12 putts in the first nine holes and 29 putts in the whole round.

A Great Asset.  
To anybody with decidedly impaired eyesight, I should say that suitable spectacles are essential to the development of the best golf that is in him, bothersome as they are under some conditions. They do, at any rate, bring the two eyes into united focus. And it is a fair deduction that perfect vision is just about the most valuable asset that a person can possess for this game.

Support for the contention is to be found in the fact that never has there been a bespectacled champion. On the other hand, nearly all the best players have possessed good eyesight. It is a by-word in American courses that if doubt exists as to the identity of anybody in the far distance, the man to fetch to settle the question is Bobby Jones. He is, indeed, always called upon for this purpose when near at hand.

Not Prejudice.  
I can recollect only one present-day player of the front rank who

wears glasses. He is J. B. Beck. It is not prejudice pure and simple that prevents a good many people from following his lead. Rather it is a consciousness that the rims of the glasses obtrude on the violon and distract the eye from the ball during a full swing of the club. Presumably the remedy for that condition is larger and better fitting lenses.

There can be no doubt, however, that in a rain-storm glasses become so blurred as to constitute a serious handicap instead of helping to remedy a defect.

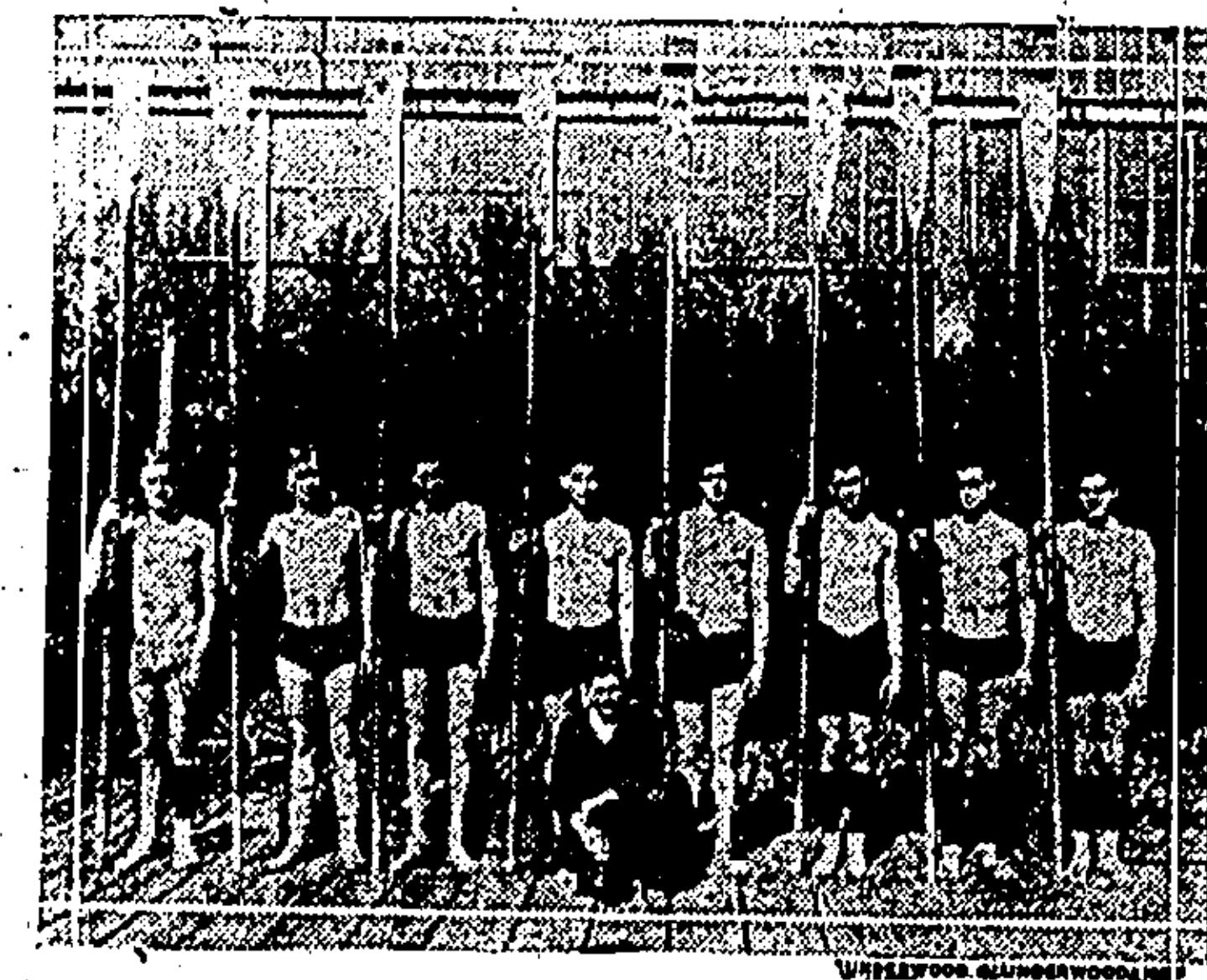
**Defect in a Rainstorm?**

In the 36-holes final of the English women's championship at Woodhall Spa, Miss Elsie Corbett

**BOWLERS NEEDED.**
**MEN FOR HEART-BREAKING WICKETS.**
**DOWN IN AUSTRALIA.**

The M.C.C. have before them during the coming summer the anxious task of selecting a team to go out to Australia in the autumn. Much in the choice of players will, of course, depend upon the form displayed during the first three months of the season of 1928.

Meanwhile, it may be assumed that some six or seven, but scarcely more, of the men who went to South Africa will be strong candidates for inclusion in the side, while, among others whose names readily come to mind in connection with so formidable an undertaking as a tour in Australia, are those of Hobbs, Tate, Hallows, V. W. C.



Berkeley, Calif.—Magnificent specimens of manhood on the University of California crew. The Varsity outfit has been training steadily and is ready for the intercollegiate races. California took third at Poughkeepsie last year.

was holding her own against Miss Jupp, D. R. Jardine, and, as Molly Gourlay until, late in the wicket-keepers who are also good afternoon, rain began to fall batsmen, Lilley and Ames.

heavily. From that time Miss Corbett's vision was so obscured by

In this distinguished company the spectacles that she wore that Larwood, but for his breakdown she lost every hole. Once the last summer, would, of course, golfer has made it a habit to use I have figured, and although, in view of the sudden discarding of that misfortune, he cannot be them is just as disconcerting as considered until he has shown him the wearing of them in wet self thoroughly sound again, it is weather, so that I fear, that the good to learn that, following an most popular choice is to do with-out them altogether on the links, sign of lameness.

Whether Hobbs will care, at the

age of 45, to pay another visit to

Aubrey Boomer, who may surely claim to have made a success of the expedition seeing that he has won several first-class tournaments, of commanding his services.

He discovered during his course of rifle-shooting for war service that his left eye gave the better results, and, on resuming golf, he drilled himself to look at the ball with the eye alone.

Humanity's Privilege. Others likely to prove effective upon

There have been golfers far less perfect in their general effects than Boomer who could justly claim to have demonstrated the skill and perseverance, but great value of one-eyed putting. There

was the captain of a London club; presumably average six days like most captains, a social lion and apiece.

A golfing lamb, with a handicap of

That was the experience of the around 18. At least, he was a lamb on the links until he reached the putting-green. Then he closed one eye, and held out from ranges long and short with a constancy that never failed to alarm his rivals.

E. W. B. Scrutton, a former Cambridge University captain, once

had an admirable and almost his-

toric exposition of the theory by holding every putt under three yards in a team match at a time when he had to play with one eye bandaged.

I understand, however, that Sir

Richard Cruise, the celebrated

oculist, and himself a keen golfer,

is not at all impressed by the pos-

sibilities of single-eyed putting.

He explains that man is the only

animal that has the privilege of

stereoscopic vision, by which the

two eyes blend into the united

sighting of one object, and that he

is designed by Nature to take ad-

vantage of it.

Apropos of Spectacles.

To do so, presumably he needs in

many instances the aid of glasses.

Apropos of spectacles, I saw it stat-

ed some time ago that when James

Braid won the Open Championship

at Muirfield in 1906, he wore a pair

of smoked glasses. This is surely

an error.

It was at Hoylake in the following

year's championship that Braid ap-

peared as a temporary measure

against unexpected trouble with his

sight, in smoked glasses. They

have long since disappeared.

**WOMEN'S GOLF.**
**MISS COLLETT BEATS EX-CHAMPION.**

Hunstanton, Yesterday. In the third round of the Ladies open golf test, Miss Collett beat

Mrs. Temple Dobell, of Brom-

borough, the British champion in

1912. 3-2. Router.

**JUNIOR CARLTON.**
**THE PROPOSAL TO ADMIT WOMAN.**
**"QUIETLY DROPPED."**

The "Evening Standard" learns that the proposal to allow women to join the Junior Carlton Club—one of the best known political clubs—as associate members has been dropped without being submitted to a general meeting of members.

C. S. Broadwood is another name to conjure with in Heriot club circles. It is not so long since he played in the first fifteen. He is now in charge of the Rugby at the school, and, like W. T. Douglas, is taking an active interest in refereeing.

A. Nimmo, who holds the position of mechanical assistant, played forward for Bruntstead for several seasons, but two years ago he decided to give up the game.

It would not be right to omit the name of G. A. Scott, who organised the School Rugby in the years after the war until last season. It was in that time that the successful Heriot side was built up, and it must be gratifying to him to see so many of his old boys taking a prominent part in Scottish Rugby.

This does not mean, however, that the Junior Carlton Club is unmindful of the growing importance of women in the political world. Quite the contrary; plans are under consideration for the Ladies' Annex, which will be in the houses on the eastern side of the club purchased some time back.

Before the end of the present year it may be that the wives and friends of members of the club will find themselves dining or lunching in the new premises as guests of club members.

"Dancing." Meantime the club has not forgotten the pleasure of the women who are invited to the reception in honour of the Prime Minister. The invitation bears the word "Dancing" in the left-hand corner, thus differentiating the affair from the usual political "crush."

Cricket Devotees.

Cricket has three devotees amongst the staff. They are J. H. Melville, W. T. Brown, and A. T. Groves. For many years Melville figured in the Heriot's side, and, although he never received representative honours, was one of the best of club men. Last season he was president of the former pupils' cricket club. Groves is a brother of the Heriot cricket internationalist, and plays in the F.P. eleven. He was secretary of the club last year. Brown was formerly connected with the Leith Albion, for whom he had some success with his bowling, but last year he became a member of the Heriot club and played with the A team.

Tennis has many advocates at the school, and both the grass and the hard courts are fully occupied during the summer. The Royal and Ancient game has likewise so many followers that it would be impossible to enumerate them. James Melville is president of the school golf club, and captains the masters in the annual match with the boys.

A University Champion.

Athletics are not neglected, and the school are fortunate in having such an enthusiast as George

McAuley, Perthshire, for 3 years a

member of the L.C.C., has been selected as prospective Conservative candidate at the next general election, for Caithness and Sutherland, for which Sir A. Sinclair (Lib.) is the sitting member.

active world, a man of many clubs, P. B. S. Ireland, carries on the flag.

He won the three miles championship at the University sports last year, and also achieved some success in mile handicaps. He runs across country for Edinburgh University Hare and Hounds Club.

This article would not be complete without some mention being made of J. D. Dalby and G. Lever.

In their hands lie the physical training and swimming instruction at the school, and the high standard of fitness at Heriot's is in considerable measure due to their efforts.

The school boxing club

know what a capable instructor

they have in Daly.

Yes, the Heriot staff are strong

in a sporting connection. The advantages offered to the boys in training facilities and correct tuition are better to-day than ever before.

**TEASERS.**
**Answers to To-day's Questions.**

1. The son of Jupiter and Nobe, and the chief divinity of the ancient Egyptians.

2. President of the United States in 1867.

3. An old French coin, the equivalent of the present franc. Not current since the 17th century.

4. Lamism is the form of Buddhism prevalent in Tibet, with a very exclusive sacerdotal organisation, of which the Grand Lama is the head.

5. An old English cloth measure, representing a length of 45 inches.

6. In 1844.

**BILLIARDS.**  
**CHINESE "Y" DEFEATS CATHOLIC U.C.**

The friendly billiards match between the Catholic Union Club and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. played at the Y.M.C.A. building on the 12th inst. results in a win for the "Y" team. There was a very keen contest and the highest break (32) was made by E. Nuttal.

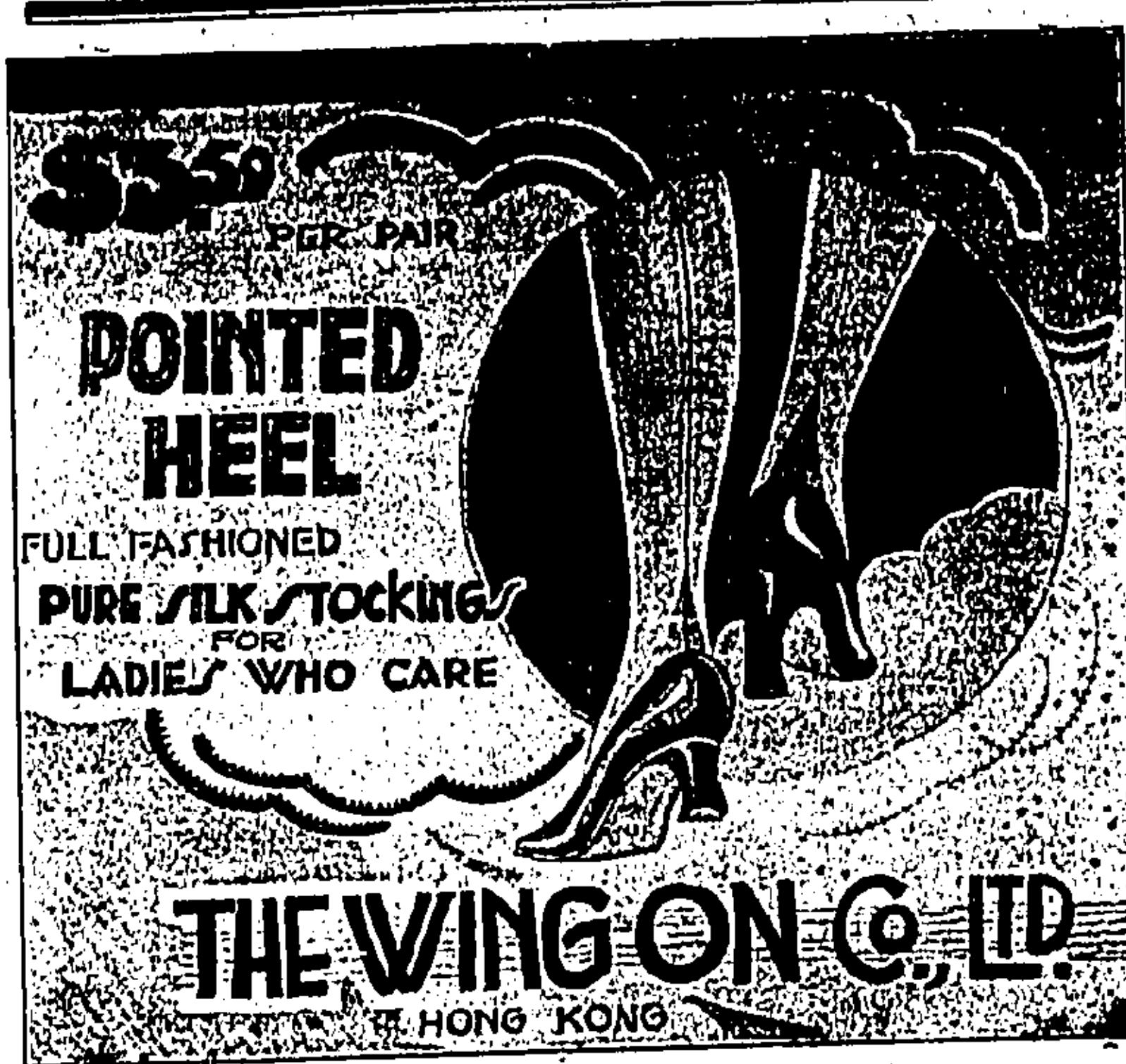
Scores:

	Pts.
K. C. Leung	150
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T. C. Cheak	129
S. K. Sinn	150
K. S. Mah	110
P. S. Piew	150
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### AFGHANISTAN.

#### COUNTRY OF VIVID CONTRASTS.

#### STERN, SAVAGE REALISM.

The visit of the Amir of Afghanistan to this country affords to teachers of geography an unrivalled opportunity for stirring interests in that little-known country. Recent descriptions in the Press, of the Amir and his suite will have attracted the attention of keen boys and girls, particularly of those who have read about Lord Roberts' march to Kandahar or Eldred Pottinger's heroic defence of Herat. And above all, what boy has not had his imagination touched by the succession of names in the beginning of "Sohrab and Rustum"?

"The Tartars of the Oxus, the King's guard,

First, with black sheep-skin caps and with long spears; Large men, large steeds; who from Bokhara come

And Khiva, and ferment the milk of mares.

Next, the more temperate Toormuns of the south, The Tuks, and the lances of Salore,

And those from Attruck and the Caspian sands; Light men, and on light steeds, who only drink

The acrid milk of camels, and their wells.

And then a swarm of wandering horse, who came From far, and a more doubtful service owned.

The Tartars of Ferghana, from the banks

Of the Jaxartes, men with scanty beards

And close-set skull-caps; and those wilder hordes

Who roam over Kipchak and the northern waste,

Kalmuks and unkempt Kuzaks, tribes who stray

Nearest the Police, and wandering Kirkhizzes,

Who come on shaggy ponies from Pamir."

Afghanistan is not a country of romance, but one of stern, even savage, realism. Hemmed in to the north by Bokhara and Russian Turkestan, to the south by the Baluchistan, to the east by the North West Frontier Provinces of India, and to the west by Khorasan, it contains within its area (as large as that of Germany, Belgium, Holland, and Denmark) every possible variety of topographical feature from waterless deserts to great mountain. The principal mountain range of Afghanistan is the Hindu Kush, which, starting in the North-east from the Pamirs, runs south-west and becomes the Koh-i-Baba just west of Kabul (accent on the first syllable), and finally branches into the three ranges, Band-i-Turkistan, Band-i-Baba, and Band-i-Baian. The Hari Run river marks the western limit of the whole Hindu Kush system. South of the Hindu Kush and west of Chitral lies Kafiristan, a tumbled mass of mighty mountains, most of them capped with everlasting snow.

The six principal rivers are the Oxus, Hari Rud, Farah Rud, Helmand, and the Kabul. Like the mountains these rivers are infinitely varied in character. Most of them, even the navigable Oxus, can be forded at points, this depending, of course, on the time of the year. The Oxus, for example, which flows along the northern frontier of Afghanistan, averages at places 800 yards wide and 30 feet deep in summer, when snow is melting. Between Khash and Chakanur, except in flood time, the Khash Rud is dry, and water can only be obtained by digging in the river bed. Below its junction with the Panjshir and Laghman rivers (near Jalalabad) the Kabul is nearly a mile broad. The rivers are but poorly bridged, but the Afghans are expert at crossing rivers with masaks (inflated skins). They join twelve skins to make a raft capable of floating fourteen men, or five mules. Fords for the most part are only practicable during the cold weather, when the river

is low; but as the position of fords changes from year to year, fording is extremely dangerous without the assistance of a local guide.

Towards the south-west of Kandahar lies the Registan, a desolate stretch of sandhills which are almost impassable owing to the lack of water. In such desert tracts there are great extremes of heat and cold. During winter blizzards frequently carry off man and mules. From May to September a scorching wind blows with unabated violence at a speed of between thirty and seventy miles an hour. In many parts sand-laden winds made life almost unbearable for a European. It is impossible to eat without swallowing sand, one's eyes and mouth are practically sealed up, during the night, while tarantulae and other abominations creep into sleeping bags and make night yet more horrible.

Bitter Cold and Blazing Heat.

As might be supposed in a country of such striking contrasts, every kind of climate is to be found. Snow lies in Kabul from December to the beginning of March. The cold is intense, the thermometer sometimes registering as many as 54 degrees of frost. The people wear postees (sheep-skin coats with the fleece inside) to protect themselves from the piercing winds. The summer climate of Kabul is semi-tropical. At Kandahar the temperature rises to 115 degrees or more in the middle of July. During the last war with Afghanistan (in 1919), the temperature in our E. P. tents at Loo Dakka rose to 125 degrees. In the distance we could see snow-clad mountains! This prospect, however, was not altogether torture of Tantalus for I used to get two donkey-loads of frozen snow every day. I buried this under the floor of the tent and so could re-use bottles of water to a delicious coolness. I remember, too, baskets of fruit which used to come in with satisfying regularity, while one was able to buy considerable quantities of fresh vegetables and water melons from a village on the other side of the Kabul. In fact a good deal of fruit is sent down to Indi in the summer time, sometimes in carts drawn by elephants. So that Afghanistan is not entirely barren of those delicacies which one requires most in such a country. Though the climate runs to extremes Europeans find it quite healthy in most parts.

The commonest trees are pine, oak, birch, and walnut; the principal crops are wheat (forming the staple food of the people), barley, rice, maize, tobacco, sugar-cane, and cotton. Of course it is only possible to grow much in the well-watered valleys. Nearly four-fifths of the whole country is rocky, mountainous, and unproductive. Among the wild animals are the tiger (possibly rare), bears, leopards, wolves, jackals, and hyenas. As Afghanistan is a country without railways (a railway now runs through the Khyber Pass between Peshawar and Landi Kotal) transport of commodities is done by pack animals like the camel, pony, bullock, donkey, and mule. Possibly there are not more than a score of motor cars in the country. In any case the roads are bad, and it would be a sturdy car that could stand the work.

One of the most interesting sights in Peshawar used to be the arrival of a caravan from Afghanistan. The camelmen brought their wives, children, hens, and all their household gear with them, most of which—for Afghans consider wives as chattels—the camel had to carry in addition to the large bags of carpets and other products of Afghanistan and the countries beyond. Even the camels' necks were exploited as conveniences for suspending articles like hurricane-lanterns.

Alexander the Great was the first conqueror of Afghanistan. After him came the Parthians, Persians, Arabs, and Tartars. In 504 Baber captured Kabul and founded the Mogul dynasty in India. In 1738 the country was conquered by the Persians under Nader Shah. Our official relations with Afghanistan began in 1809, when Napoleon was intriguing

with Persia. Since then we have had three wars with the Afghans, the net gain from them being entirely incomparable with the expenditure of life and money.

Medley of Tribes.

And what of the people who inhabit this country of extremes? Barely 7,000,000 in number, they are divided into about thirty different tribes, less than half of which are of pure Afghan stock. The Afghan tribes are the Durans, Sayids, Ghilzais, and Pathans; while the non-Afghan tribes are the Tajiks, Uzbeks, Jamshidis, Firozkohis, Taimanis, Mughals, Kipchaks, Zohris, Hazaras, Barbars, Baluchs, etc. The foreign races are Indians, Arabs, Turkomans, Kirghiz, and Jews. The Kizilbashes and Hazaras are particularly friendly towards us.

The distinctive dress of the true Afghan races is a turban wound round a skull cap, loose cotton garments, with the shirt hanging down outside very wide trouser. The Durans, however, sometimes wear brown cloth coats over the hanging shirt, and breeches, with puttees and boots. The western Hazaras wear a small conical head-dress of bright coloured chintz, lined with fur or sheep-skin, which forms a fringe round the edge. Hindu males are compelled to wear yellow turbans; and Hindu females yellow cloaks. (It might be wondered why a race like the Afghans allows Hindus into the country at all. They find them necessary for carrying on the ordinary commerce of the bazaar like the buying and selling of grain and banking.) In truth dress varies tremendously. I have seen tribesmen dressed in garments which conveyed the suggestion that they had been made up from tailors' and drapers' sample books. Possibly they had for a thieving Afghan does not leave much behind him! Immediately one thought of Joseph and his coat of many colours. Curiously enough the Afghans claim descent from King Saul; the Eusafzai Pathans, descent from Joseph! I am ready to accept any feasible theory that these people are the lost tribe of Israel.

It is always rather difficult to know accurately what is going on inside Afghanistan, but there is reason to believe that attempts are being made to develop various industries. Carpets have been made from time immemorial. Other employments are agriculture, grazing, fruit-growing, charcoal-burning, manufacture of weapons, fighting and stealing. I do not know what minerals there are, but imagine it would be extremely difficult to get the true Afghans to settle down to anything like regular employment either in mine or in factory.

Kabul, the Capital, has a population considerably less than 200,000. There are over thirty streets in the city. The Amir's fortified palace, or Arg, as it is called locally, is situated in wooded grounds. The Arg is surrounded by a moat sixty feet broad at the top, and has loopholed walls of tremendous thickness, composed mainly of mud.

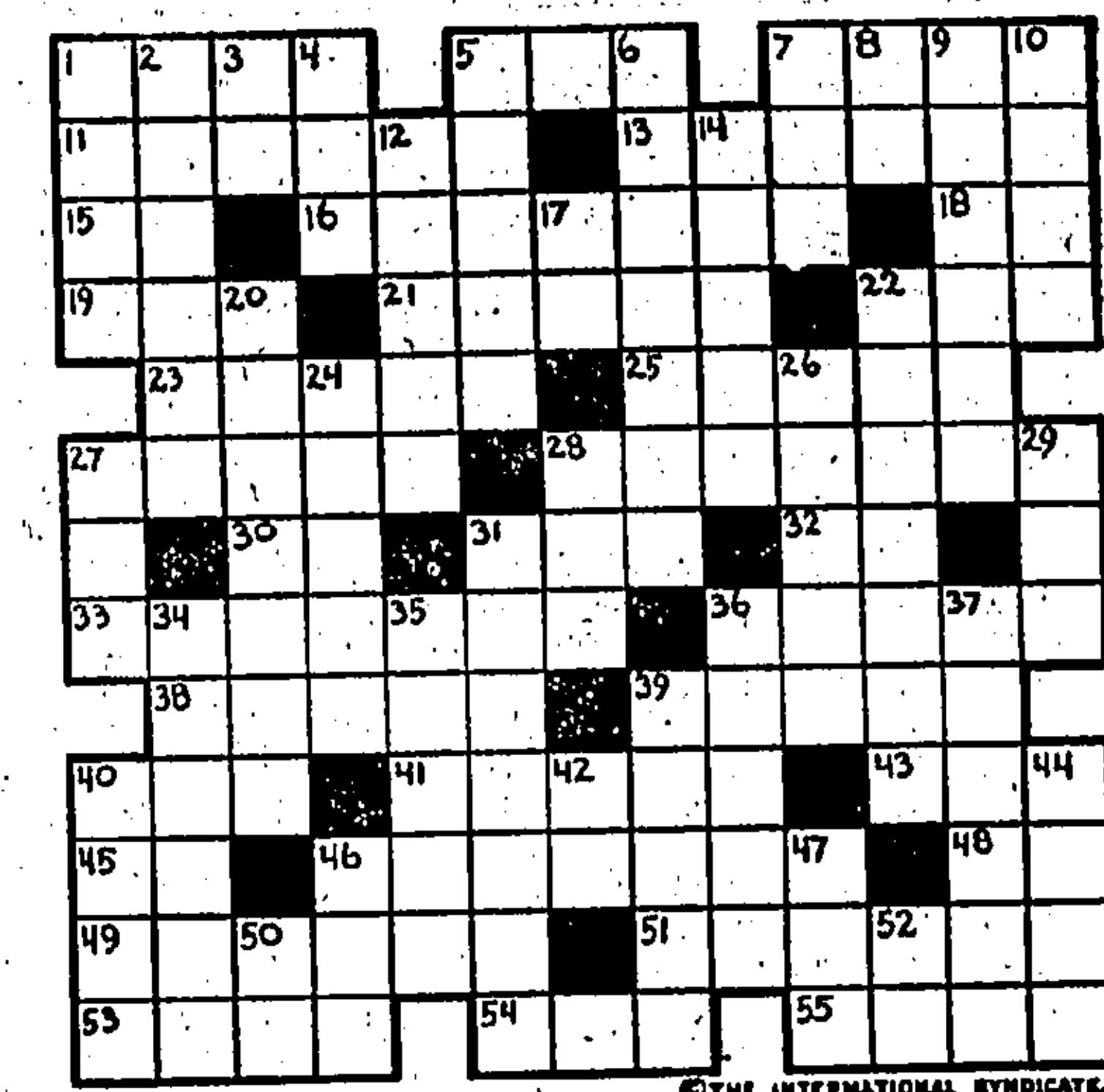
The Afghan Character.

The people are intensely patriotic and in the past have bitterly resented all interference from outside. But the strongest tie between otherwise loosely connected tribes is the Mohammedan religion for which they are ready to fight to the death. In point of fact they know practically nothing about their religion, but the Mullahs, (native priests) have tremendous powers over them, and nothing is likely to bring the tribesmen together more readily than the preaching of a Jihad or holy war. Attack on religion from without or foreign aggression of any kind, however, is not a necessary preliminary to warfare in Afghanistan. The camelmen brought their wives, children, hens, and all their household gear with them, most of which—for Afghans consider wives as chattels—the camel had to carry in addition to the large bags of carpets and other products of Afghanistan and the countries beyond. Even the camels' necks were exploited as conveniences for suspending articles like hurricane-lanterns.

Alexander the Great was the first conqueror of Afghanistan. After him came the Parthians, Persians, Arabs, and Tartars. In 504 Baber captured Kabul and founded the Mogul dynasty in India. In 1738 the country was conquered by the Persians under Nader Shah. Our official relations with Afghanistan began in 1809, when Napoleon was intriguing

### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic words, such as harbor, plow, and altho.).



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### SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting in numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

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## 'PLANE CRASH.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED IN  
STREET.

## PILOT BADLY INJURED.

Belfast.—An aeroplane of the Ulster Bombing Squadron, Royal Air Force Reserve, piloted by Flying-Officer Stewart Davison, of Crail, Fifeshire, crashed in the main street of Dunmurry, a village five miles from Belfast, killing a little girl, Daphne Fox, aged 8, who was playing there at the time. The pilot received a fractured skull and leg and other injuries, and was in a precarious condition in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

The machine had come from the squadron headquarters at Aldergrove, co. Antrim. The accident was seen by many people who had been watching the pilot loop the loop.

Mr. Harry Mussen, a racing cyclist, who witnessed the smash, said: "The aeroplane had been flying around Dunmurry for twenty minutes. It circled round and round and rose to a considerable height, and then as the pilot began to come down he looped the loop beautifully twice. He then circled round my house, and I noticed his engine was not firing as it had been a little earlier. The machine suddenly disappeared from my view, and the next instant there was a terrific crash."

"When I arrived on the scene the pilot was sufficiently conscious to be able to state his name. The little girl's body was buried under the engine wreckage. She had obviously been killed instantly."

Another eye-witness said: "I heard the sound of the engine come near, but it was a quite different note to the hum I had previously heard. Having had considerable experience of aeroplanes during the war, I recognised at once that the pilot was in trouble with his engine."

"He appeared to be making a great effort to control the engine sufficiently to get some place to land, and I fancy he was trying to reach the park. As the machine came lower I could distinctly make out the propeller revolving too slowly to keep the machine in the air long."

"Suddenly it nose-dived practically over builder's yard, and crashed near by."

Before his enlistment Flying Officer Davison was a motor salesman in Belfast.

## Jury's Criticism.

At the inquest on the victim held recently the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and added a rider condemning the carrying out of evolutions over villages.

Wing Commander Wright, commanding the squadron, said the pilot had had twenty hours' dual control flying and twelve hours' solo flying. He was out on a solo practice flight at the time of the accident.

The foreman asked if the machine was out for a joy ride, and Wing Commander Wright replied that it was not a joy ride. No "stunting" was to be done under 2,000ft. in any inhabited area.

Another juror complained of the amount of flying in the Dunmurry district, and said that for the last two or three weeks the inhabitants had been unnerved "waiting for something like this to happen." Wing Commander Wright said this was the first he had heard of the matter. He promised that the whole matter would be the subject of full inquiry.

The coroner said looping the loop over villages should be stopped.

## TWO-VOTE WOMEN.

WHERE HUSBANDS HAVE  
SAME RIGHTS.

No provision is made in the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Bill, which gives the vote to all women of 21, for altering the rate by which the expenditure of parliamentary candidates is determined, says the "Daily Mail's" political correspondent. The proposed increase of the electorate will involve candidates in the permitted expenditure of an extra £250 each (calculated on a general average basis).

The Government considers that the House of Commons must itself determine whether any change in this connection is desirable, and it will be left to some private member to move a clause reducing the rate if this is desired, and probably a free vote of the House will be permitted.

One of the clauses will have the effect of giving two votes to a certain number of women. These are the wives of men having a voting qualification both in respect of residence and of business premises. Husbands of women with similar voting qualifications will also have two votes.

## A. H. BAPTISMS.

WHITE-ROBED WOMEN AND  
GIRLS.

## CURE CLAIMS.

Believing in the waters of healing advocated by a new religion more than 1,000 men and women were immersed in lukewarm water in a moss-lined tank in the presence of a large London audience in the Albert Hall.

The dominating personality in this new sect—the Elim Evangel of the Four Square Gospel—is Principal George Jeffreys, a young Welshman, who, together with half a dozen Belfast shop-assistants, founded the sect of the "Elimites" in Monaghan, Northern Ireland, 12 years ago. His preaching style is modelled on the typical Salvation Army captain. It is claimed that he has 6,000 followers in London alone.

Principal Jeffreys before the immersion ceremony claimed that cripples had been enabled to walk, and the blind to see by the healing waters.

Among the claimed cures was a girl who, it was said, had been bedridden for 15 years, suffering from a tuberculous knee, which made one leg 4½ inches shorter than the other.

Another woman was said to have been a cripple for 3½ years with her head twisted down to her knees.

## Waist-Deep in Tank.

Entire families lined up in the long queue for immersion. The men wore white shirts and tweed or flannel trousers, and the women, who were in a majority, were in white dresses, and a few wore rubber swimming caps. Principal Jeffreys, throwing off a black gown, stood waist-deep in the tank, accompanied by four young men assistants.

Stepping into the tank each man and woman was guided by an assistant to Principal Jeffreys who gracefully tipped them backwards into the warmed water, which did not cover their faces.

The immersion was very quick and did not seem to be unpleasant. Old men and women mingled with youths and girls, and all went cheerfully under the water while the congregation sang hymns. Once out of the tank the baptised hurried to dressing-rooms and changed their clothes.

An impassioned appeal from Principal Jeffreys for a show of hands from those in the audience who wanted to be converted brought 52 recruits.

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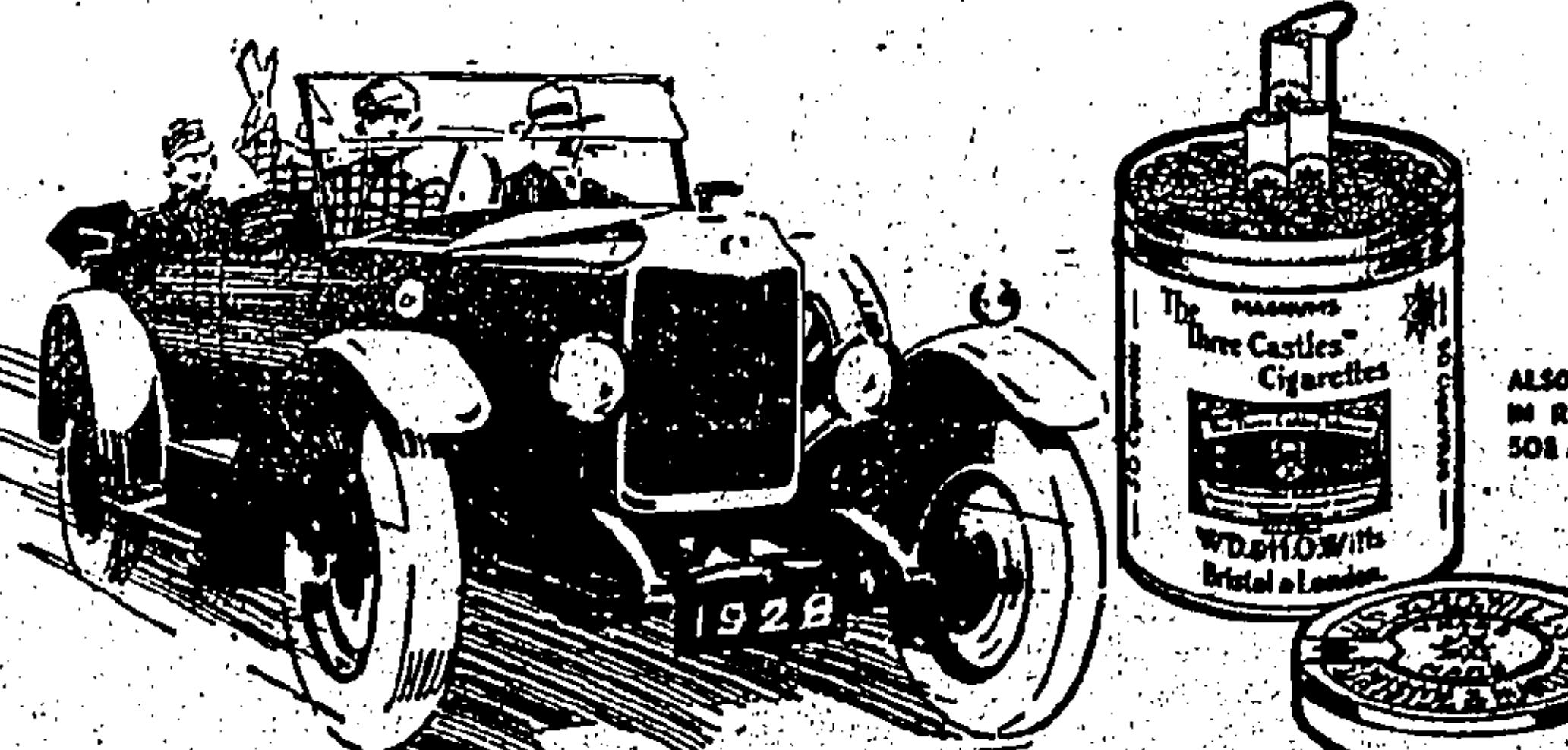
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## PLUCKY PADRE.

C.B.E. For Rev. Forbes Tocher.

## AT HANKOW.

Reward For Rescue Of Capt. Lalor.

Hankow, May 8. The British Consulate here was the scene of a pleasing ceremony, at noon, yesterday, when Rear-Admiral Hugh Tweedie decorated the Rev. Forbes Tocher with the insignia of a Commander of the British Empire, in recognition of his outstanding services in effecting the release of Captain Lalor, of the str. "Siangtan," who was captured by bandits in the early part of this year.

In his speech, Rear-Admiral Tweedie paid the highest tribute to Mr. Tocher's bravery. It had been hoped, he said, that the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt, would be there to make the presentation, but he had been unavoidably delayed. In conclusion, the Admiral referred to the generosity of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, who found the funds for Captain Lalor's ransom directly the bandits' demands were presented.

Mr. Tocher made a brief and modest reply to the Admiral's speech. After thanking him for the complimentary expressions, he drew attention to the bravery of the two Chinese assistants who accompanied him on his various meetings with the bandits, at imminent peril to their own lives.—Reuter.

## ORANG-UTANS.

SUDDEN INFLUX TO EUROPE.

## DEJECTED CONTINENTALS.

London, Yesterday. Sir Hasketh Bell, who has been for many years a prominent civil servant in Tropical Africa, and later in Mauritius, has written a letter to the "Times" referring to the sudden large influx of orang-utans to Europe.

The apparent dejection of those he saw at a zoo on the Riviera, states the writer, filled him with pity. He asks whether the Dutch Authorities in the Far East are going to continue to permit wholesale razzias in Sumatra, merely to enable a few persons to make great pecuniary profits. He likens these raids to those of former slave dealers.—Reuter.

## JAPAN 'QUAKE.

SENSATIONAL RADIO REPORT.

"100 KILLED."

Manchester (New Hampshire), Yesterday. The New Hampshire amateur wireless expert, Mr. Davis, who was the first who learnt of the "Bremer's" arrival at Greenly Island, has picked up a sensational message recording an earthquake in the "Misifutamo district" of Japan. The message declared that a hundred had been killed.

New York, Yesterday. There has been a violent earthquake in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The streets are littered with masonry wrenched from buildings. No casualties are reported.—Reuter's American Service.

## JAPANESE SEAMEN.

## TROUBLE OVER WAGES SPREADS.

Osaka, Yesterday. The dispute of the Kawasaki Steamship Company versus the Japan Seamen's Union on the establishment of minimum wages is getting serious.

Yesterday the crew of the "Pacific Maru" bound for America with 1,200 bales of silk, left the ship at Yokohama.

The trouble threatens to spread even more widely.—Reuter.

## WRONG SIDE.

For riding on the wrong side of the road, thus causing a danger to the traffic, a Chinese youth was this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield fined £7 with the alternative of 10 days'

## DAM BREAKS.

Residents Flee In Terror.

## S. CAROLINA FLOOD.

Fifteen Thousand Residents Have Narrow Escape.

Greenville, S.C., May 6. Billions of gallons of water were released with a roar to-day when the waterwork dam here broke.

Fifteen thousand residents of the town fled to places of safety. Six other dams below the one which broke are holding safely, and sufficient warning was given so that apparently there were no casualties.

Crumbling walls caused the disaster, preliminary survey indicated.

The Coveton mill towns are endangered by the floods.—United Press.

## NO LICENCE?

## ALLEGED BOARDING HOUSE.

## FIRM SUMMONED.

Sergeant Hayward, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, summoned the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning for unlawfully keeping a 6th class boarding house without a licence from the S.C.A.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, who appeared for the defence, said that he would admit a technical offence, and at the same time would like to point out that whereas it was known to whom the summons was intended, the name Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., appearing on the summons was the old name of the firm which was now the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co.

The company was originally registered in Peking, but had since been re-registered locally under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. He agreed, however, that

proceeded to explain why no licence was taken out by the defendants for the premises concerned, which was used for the accommodation of the company's employees. Mr. Strellett said that the defendants had a doubt in their minds as to whether a licence was required for premises such as theirs, which he thought the Sergeant would admit was more luxurious than others. A lot of people, Counsel commented, found it very difficult to distinguish between premises of this sort and the ordinary boarding houses.

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Asked by the Magistrate if any general warning had been sent out, Sergeant Hayward said that all he was concerned about the matter was that he was instructed to inspect the premises and report on them, as no notice had been taken of the warning even after the last case before the Court, the department decided to take out summons against the defendants.

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## SHOT AT.

Shanghai Tramway Official.

## MOBBED BY CHINESE.

Fire Opened By Members Of Gendarmerie.

Shanghai, May 11. Whilst seeking to dissuade students from posting anti-Japanese literature on the sides of trams in Boulevard des Deux Republiques, near the Fang Ping Chiao, a spot about a quarter of a mile from Pont St. Catherine, shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. A. J. Headington, a British subject employed by the Shanghai Tramway Co. as an inspector, was assaulted and a member of the French Police Force, who attempted to intervene, received similar treatment.

The episode was of a very serious character, and it is obvious that Mr. Headington's life was in imminent danger while it lasted, as members of the Chinese gendarmerie fired upon him. From Mr. Headington we have secured a vivid account of the matter, showing the treatment he received in Boulevard des Deux Republiques, near the West Gate, where it occurred.

Mr. Headington said that while

in Chekiang-road his attention

was drawn by passengers to the notices which had been painted on the seats of the tram cars. He immediately set out for West Gate, having learned that students and others in Chinese territory were busy placarding the tram cars, and arrived there a little after 2 o'clock.

Unprovoked Attack.

Alighting from the car, Mr. Headington approached a well-dressed Chinese and asked him if he would ask the students to desist from passing handbills on the outside of the train cars and from painting slogans inside on the seats and walls. The Chinese said

that he would be glad to assist Mr. Headington, but upon the latter thanking him and wishing him good afternoon he retaliated with a blow across the face, saying at the same time that they were in Chinese territory and they would do what they liked. The Chinese

shouted out and Mr. Headington was soon surrounded by an angry mob of students and others, who began to search him for money and valuables, and while two of the Chinese gendarmerie looked on without taking any steps to stop them.

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The Magistrate granted a week's adjournment.

Five Others.

Five other similar summonses were then heard against the Lai Wah Company, Bakil Company, Wing On Company, New Chan Kwong

Company and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Company, all of Des Voeux-road Central.

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